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RE: Serial No. 10/634,356; Filed August 5, 2003
Title: Connection Apparatus for a Transaxle Having Two Housings

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| Applicant: | Hauser |) | Examiner: Lum Vannucci, L. |
| Serial No.: | 10/634,356 |) | Group Art Unit: 3611 |
| Filed | August 5, 2003 |) | Docket No. 36400.29US2 |
| Title: | Connection Apparatus for a |) | |
| | Transaxle Having Two Housings |) | |

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Office Action dated April 19, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully noted. The applicant makes the following amendments and remarks in response thereto.

Amendments

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please delete the sentence in the "Related Application" section at page 1, lines 5 and 6, in its entirety and replace it with the following:

This application claims the benefit of and is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/056,570 filed on January 25, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,644,425, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)****Complete if Known**

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| Application Number | 10/634,356 |
| Filing Date | August 5, 2003 |
| First Named Inventor | Raymond Hauser |
| Examiner Name | Lum Vannucci, L. |
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| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | Reissue filing fee | |
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| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid over original patent | |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 | 43 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |

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| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
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| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 | 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to Institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
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| 1808 | 180 | 1808 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 770 | 2809 | 385 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 | 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

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